Seedlings **7**: Worship in the Church Gardens this Sunday, October 1st, 10:15 a.m.: "We see signs of summer's passing..."



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O Lord God, we see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves, shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow. We sense its passing in rain that dampens, winds that chill, harvest bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth both green shoot and frost, sunrise and sunset, we bring our thanks for seeds that have grown, harvests gathered, storehouses filled, mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests through winter's cold embrace, we look forward to its re-awakening when kissed by spring's first touch.



Final Open Air Worship 2023 in the Church Gardens This Sunday! The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 1st.



Commemoration of St. Francis, October 4th with Blessing of Pets and Animals

You are welcomed and encouraged to bring a beloved pet to the worship on this day.
If you are not able to bring an animal, you may wish to bring a photo of an animal you love, a photo of an endangered species in the wild, or a photo of your deceased, beloved pet companion(s) to the service.
Animals must be on a lead or in a secure pet carrier for the safety of other animals.



"Canticle of the Creatures" Ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no one is worthy to mention Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praise be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us and who produces varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living [person] can escape...

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility. Amen



What Thoreau Heard in the Song of the Crickets: <u>HERE</u>

Baptism of Maja Marta, Sunday, September 24th



Maja with Godparents Krystopher and Brigita



Maja Marta with Parents, Godparents and Friends



Maja with Grandmother Adriana

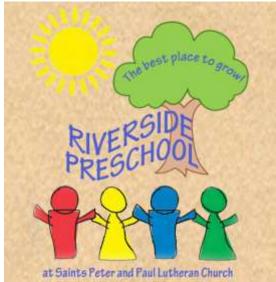


The Newly Baptized



Congratulations and thank you to Karen Rouleau on the 25th Anniversary of service to the congregation as administrative assistant and preschool assistant. Karen began her service in October 1998.

> Greetings are invited and welcomed via email or postal mail to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church 250 Woodside Road Riverside, Illinois 60546



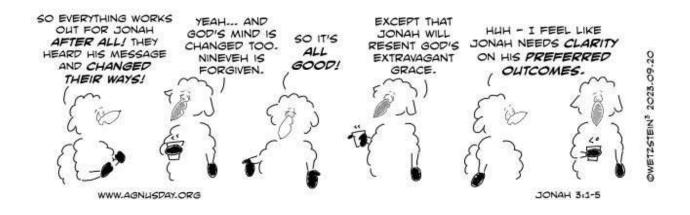
Staff members of the Riverside Preschool at Sts. Peter and Paul are looking for **a part-time preschool teacher with DCFS credentials.** Interested individuals may call the church office at 1.708.442.5250 and ask for Lisa Manganiello for more details.



Passages...

+Paul Kubecka+ Interment at Woodlawn, Forest Park, October 20th, TBD

+Kathryn Gunderson+ Service at Sts. Peter and Paul, November 10th, noon.



The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth (Jonah 3:1-5, NRSVUE).

To read the October 2023 Parish Newsletter please click <u>HERE</u>.



For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water... (Isaiah 35:6b-7a).

Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

For continuing live streaming of the liturgy please click <u>HERE</u>.

Recordings of the services are uploaded to the same site for viewing at a later date.



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